

**QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**ISSUES – PROGRAM LIST**

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**Children's Education**

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –04/01/05

Source: L

Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich is proposing new high school graduation requirements including: two years of science courses, three years of math, and at least two writing intensive courses.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –04/05/05

Source: L

Description: Illinois basketball coach Bruce Weber says his team went down fighting and he can't ask for more than that. Illinois lost 75 to 70 to North Carolina in the NCAA Championship game last night.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –04/12/05

Source: L

Description: Many students at Lake Land Community College in Mattoon have mixed feelings about a tuition increase that will raise costs 2 dollars a semester hour. The increase was approved last night by the board of trustees.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –04/20/05

Source: L

Description: A suit was filed in Michigan Federal Court over the No Child Left Behind Act. According to the Illinois State Board of Education, in order to comply with the Act, 15.4 million dollars will be spent per year to developing new tests. The suit filed says the government requires updates, yet there is no money to pay for it.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –04/20/05

Source: L

Description: Officials announce Richard Herman has accepted his nomination as the University of Illinois' chancellor. Herman served as the interim chancellor since last June.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 –04/21/05

Source: L

Description: David Dorris is the newest trustee for the University of Illinois in Champaign. Dorris says the debate over Chief Illiniwek is a distraction and a waste of time. Dorris says if the chief is harming the university the mascot should be retired.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: 20-year-old Stephen Anderson, a student of Lake Land College, is one of only 25 students in the country to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship. The award is given to outstanding community college students transferring to a university.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> the Charleston School District will have a new curriculum director. Darryl Taylor will take over the position for Debbie Poffinbarger who will become principal of Jefferson Elementary School.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/06/05  
Source: L

Description: The Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation at its annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet honored Archie Clemins and Bonnie Blair.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/12/05  
Source: L

Description: Principal at Chrisman High School tries for a tougher attendance policy in his school.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L

Description: The Robinson School Board approved construction for a new gymnasium last night. The gym will cost over 5 million dollars and will be paid for by state education bonds and construction grants.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Lerna Grade School closes its doors for the final time and students and teachers are relocated to Mark Twain and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05  
Source: L

Description: As Mattoon High School students prepare to graduate tomorrow, their parents will have to find alternative parking for the ceremony.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L

Description: Lerna Elementary School will not be empty this fall. School officials say the school is being leased to a new tenant, The Regional Office of Education.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L

Description: The Mattoon School board approved funds this week to continue the Stretch Time after school program.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois State Board of Education is hosting a public forum in Paris next Tuesday. The Board will have eight forums around the state to seek input on its plan for improving elementary and secondary education.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University's physics observatory will be open for the public to view the moon and Jupiter.

### **Weather Issues**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05  
Source: L

Description: Daylight savings time officially begins at two Sunday morning. Daylight savings time is known as the informal start of spring.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05  
Source: L

Description: A number of Lake Shelbyville recreation areas will be open this Thursday. These include campgrounds at Bo Wood, Coon Creek, and Lithia Springs Recreation areas. Lake Shelbyville flooded earlier this year with waters reaching over 22 feet.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: Mother Earth gets some special recognition today it is Earth Day. EIU Geology Department Chair Alan Baharlou says the official holiday has existed for about twenty-five years.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L

Description: The list of mushrooms Ben Hammond has found in Clark County seems to never end. With mushroom season now fully underway he says it is important to know what you are looking for.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05  
Source: L

Description: The second annual Spores N' More Mushroom Festival starts tomorrow and runs through Sunday. Six East Central Illinois communities will host a variety of events ranging from mushroom hunts, putt putt tournaments, and musical performances.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L

Description: With the Charleston Rotary Pool closed this summer other communities are expecting an overflow of people.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05

Source: L

Description: Funfest for Beetle 2005 is taking place this weekend in Effingham at the Mid America Motorworks Headquarters.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Water Survey officials say the state has not yet experienced a drought but they are watching the situation closely.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05

Source: L

Description: The Shelby County Senior Center does more than just provide meals this summer they are giving away fans. Something many elderly residents of Shelby County are in desperate need of.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05

Source: L

Description: East Central Illinois saw a series of storms move across the area last night that brought many trees to the ground.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05

Source: L

Description: With warm weather sticking around lawmakers are trying to keep the bite of the West Nile Virus out of Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05

Source: L

Description: Lake Mattoon workers say the beach will open in a couple of weeks, but an exact date has not been set.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05

Source: L

Description: Lake Shelbyville Operations Manager Andrea Lewis says the lake could see an increase of one million dollars for the 2006 fiscal year budget.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05

Source: L

Description: Busey Woods is a wooded area in Urbana not only crowded with a variety of species, but also with seventy scientists who came to study its surrounding nature.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05

Source: L

Description: Governor Blagojevich has activated the Drought Response Task Force after one of the driest springs on record.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Nearly 100 vintage cars rolled into downtown Marshall, it was all part of the cross-country cruise known as the Great Race.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L

Description: Cole County Memorial Airport hosts its annual air show. Among the usual aerobatic acts there will be a pick-up truck and even an outhouse with jet-powered engines.

### **Farm Issues**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois farmers are taking advantage of the nice spring weather. The Illinois Agriculture Statistics Service says 14% of the state's corn crop is planted.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/31/05  
Source: L

Description: Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the Cols County Farmer of the Year award.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/03/05  
Source: L

Description: The lack of wet weather this spring may mean a stormy outlook for area crops. Farmers around the area may be watching the skies and praying for clouds during the next few weeks.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05  
Source: L

Description: Local farmers say a good rain shower is overdue. The skies have been dry for nearly ten days and it could be another ten before we see rain.

### **Minority Issues**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05  
Source: L

Description: The life of former boxer Muhammad Ali will be featured on Eastern Illinois University's campus tomorrow. A feature-film documentary titled "The Greatest" will be shown starring Ali.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L

Description: A glorious day for Catholics today as hundreds of thousands of people gathered to witness the white smoke and the sound of bells. Both signs of a new pope, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger from Germany, Pope Benedict the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05  
Source: L

Description: Two community activists say their civil rights were violated and are now filing a federal lawsuit against the cities of Champaign Urbana and Champaign County.

### **Economic Climate**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: A Coles County business closed for nearly four years could get a new lease on life. A local realty group and another local business owner recently purchased the Trailmobile Manufacturing Plant in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: Effingham County State's Attorney Ed Deters is suing the Lion's Den Adult Bookstore in Montrose because he says they're breaking the law. According to Illinois law an adult bookstore cannot be located within one thousand feet of a cemetery or park. Deters says the Lion's Den is too close to both.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L

Description: Lender's Bagels in Mattoon announces the company will be laying off 28 full-time and seven part-time employees next week. The company says they must cut employees due to the decline of the bagel business.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L

Description: Cingular Wireless recently opened a new store at the Commons Shopping Center in Charleston. Cingular Sales Advisor Patrick Washum says the company was able to expand because of Cingular's buying of AT&T Wireless.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05  
Source: L

Description: Fedders Corporation says workers will be laid off in July when the air conditioning manufacturer closed its refurbishing division.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05  
Source: L

Description: Businessman Clark Pulliam had hoped to get the go ahead from Robinson officials to expand his funeral home. Last night, the Robinson zoning board told Pulliam he'd have to build his new business somewhere else, the reason, town zoning laws.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: The sound of a train bell rings in the new season approaching Rockome Gardens. Rockome Gardens will officially open Saturday morning at nine with rides starting at ten. The park will be open Wednesday through Sunday in May and seven days a week in June.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: A proposed new subdivision in Charleston causes division on the town's city council and in the community. At issue: the construction of University Village, a student housing project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: Aunt Sonya's Restaurant in Champaign has been serving residents since 1981 and on May 30<sup>th</sup> will close its doors for the last time. Restaurant manager Amy Rosenbaum says the restaurant was sold to the Tatman and Associates Construction Company.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/05/05

Source: L

Description: The Chancellor Hotel on the corner of Kirby Avenue and Neil Street in Champaign County will soon turn beds down for the last time. Since the early 1960's the Chancellor Hotel has opened its doors to visitors, but on May 30<sup>th</sup> it will close its doors for the final time.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05

Source: L

Description: Beginning at noon the Shelbyville aquatic center opens. Pool officials say the old pool was nearly sixty years old and was in desperate need of upgrades.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05

Source: L

Description: True Value Hardware Owner Jeff Holloway says he's planning to move his business to the old Walmart building on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05

Source: L

Description: Bob McElwee of Charleston announced today he and another anonymous partner have purchased Rockome Gardens near Arcola.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05

Source: L

Description: Many Robinson community members say a new student housing area could cost their neighborhood its peace and tranquility.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05

Source: L

Description: Hydro Gear in Sullivan is moving its hydrostatic transaxle production line to Princeton, Kentucky.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: The world's number one automaker General Motors announced huge lay-offs this morning.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Effingham County adult bookstore is ordered to close its doors after a lengthy court battle.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Effingham City Plan Commissioners okayed a site plan of Crossroads Plaza North, a retail development across Thelma Keller Boulevard.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: American Pad and Paper plans to implement the second part of a two-phase company wide consolidation.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: As development in downtown Champaign continues to grow so do parking issues. City officials are now working to develop a new parking plan for the downtown area.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: For those traveling to Cols County the doors of the Inn on the Square in Oakland have always been open. But today the bed and breakfast closes its doors for the last time.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich announced 300 thousand dollars in support to help Mattoon Precision Manufacturing Incorporated.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: As drivers fill up their tank with diesel fuel truckers say it's draining more money out of their pockets.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05  
Source: L  
Description: EL Krackers in Charleston is closed for an undisclosed period of time.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: EL Krackers on 4<sup>th</sup> Street has been waiting on customers for years and now customers are waiting for the restaurant to re-open.

## Crime

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05

Source: L

Description: Charleston police are investigating the death of an Eastern Illinois University assistant English professor. Police say 46-year-old Martin Scott was found dead at his home just before eight last night.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05

Source: L

Description: According to the Shelby County States Attorney's office 43-year-old Barbara Ericson will now face a jury on July 25<sup>th</sup> instead of later this month.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05

Source: L

Description: According to Shelby County State's Attorney Alan Lolie, 43-year-old Barbara Ericson faces a jury date of July 25<sup>th</sup> rather than later this month due to the defense's ongoing investigation efforts.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05

Source: L

Description: Gunfire claims the life of an Urbana man as police search for the person responsible for the city's first murder of the year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05

Source: L

Description: Authorities continue to investigate the shooting of a fourteen year old from Villa Grove. Police say 18-year-old Daniel Laws of Villa Grove is charged with reckless discharge of a firearm and aggravated battery with a firearm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05

Source: L

Description: The Illinois House of Representatives shot down a measure allowing victims of gun abuse to sue gun dealers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/08/05

Source: L

Description: Julie Rea Harper is accused of killing her 10-year-old son Joel in 1997. Police say Harper stabbed her child as he slept in their rural Lawrenceville home. Harper was convicted of first-degree murder, but an appellate court dismissed the conviction on a technicality and ordered a new trial.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/08/05

Source: L

Description: Another investigation continues in the abduction of a Clark County woman and her infant son. The Illinois State Police say they are interviewing people in connection with the abduction, but have made no arrests.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/08/05

Source: L

Description: Urbana police still need your help to find a gunman that shot and killed a local resident. Police say 22-year-old Franklin Crawford was shot just before 10:30 Wednesday night.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05

Source: L

Description: The Champaign Police Department continues to investigate an armed robbery at a local gas station. Police say 25-year-old Charles Evans may be involved in the robbery. Police say Evans is about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds and has short black hair.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05

Source: L

Description: The quick thinking of an Effingham police officer saved an area business from burning to the ground. Effingham police say an officer noticed a small fire at the Sidelines Sports Bar on Sunday. They say the officer used an extinguisher to put out the blaze on an outside staircase.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05

Source: L

Description: The U.S. government believes an Indiana man and graduate of the University of Illinois has been kidnapped in Iraq. U.S. Embassy officials say the man appears to be Jeffrey Ake who was kidnapped Monday while working on a water treatment plant near Baghdad.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05

Source: L

Description: A Villa Grove man involved in the shooting of a fourteen year old says he's not guilty. 18-year-old Daniel Laws was in court today facing charges of reckless discharge of a firearm and aggravated battery with a firearm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/14/05

Source: L

Description: For the second week in a row shots ring out in Urbana sending three people to the hospital, one in critical condition. The shooting happened just after ten this morning outside an apartment complex on the corner of Lincoln and Fairview Avenues in Urbana.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/14/05

Source: L

Description: Authorities have determined the cause of death for a five-month-old baby from Moultrie County, but are waiting to comment. Moultrie County Coroner Lynn Reed says he's waiting to meet with family members before releasing the cause.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05

Source: L

Description: No arrests have been made in connection with an Urbana shooting that put three men in the hospital. The shooting happened yesterday at the corner of Lincoln and Fairview Avenue.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05

Source: L

Description: The hearing on pending motions in the trial of former kindergarten teacher Carol Switzer and co-defendant James Dent of Mattoon was set for April 13<sup>th</sup>. It has been postponed because defense attorney Stephen Ryan had to attend a funeral. Switzer and Dent are being charged with manufacturing and possessing Methamphetamine.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05

Source: L

Description: The Champaign Police Department is asking for your help in solving a bank robbery. Officials say a male suspect approached a teller and demanded money. The suspect is a white male between the ages of 23 and 33, around six feet tall and weighs 130 to 150 pounds.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05

Source: L

Description: The trial started today for state police Lieutenant Michale Callahan. Callahan says he was demoted because of his investigation into the 1986 killings of Dyke and Karen Rhoads of Paris.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05

Source: L

Description: Last Thursday morning shots were fired at the corner of Lincoln and Fairview Avenues. Police have arrested 22-year-old Benjamin Ray White on charges of attempted first-degree murder.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05

Source: L

Description: 26-year-old Tyler Jones was found dead in the Coles County Detention Center on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Jones became unresponsive shortly after he arrived at the jail. The inquest for Jones' death will be announced tonight at 7 PM in the Mattoon City Hall Council Chambers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05

Source: L

Description: Urbana Police now have another suspect in custody for the city's first shooting death of the year. 25-year-old Dondre Lamont Moore of Urbana is charged with first-degree murder of 22-year-old Franklin Crawford.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05

Source: L

Description: 40-year-old Duane Jeffrey Rhodes of Watson pleaded not guilty to three counts of aggravated battery and two counts of criminal damage to government property.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05

Source: L

Description: Last month 25-year-old Steven Hites pleaded not guilty to robbery charges and requested a trial by jury. Last Friday Hites pleaded guilty to one count of armed robbery at the Shell Freedom Gas Station in Urbana. Hites is sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05

Source: L

Description: Edward Kilday appeared in court today for a probation review. Kilday was first sentenced to probation for 2 and half years in October on charges of child pornography. Earlier this year Judge Gary Jacobs discovered Kilday violated his probations by using the Internet without supervision.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05

Source: L

Description: Herb Whitlock was one of two men convicted of the 1986 murder of Paris residents Dyke and Karen Rhoads. Whitlock and his attorneys returned to court once again to ask for a retrial.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05

Source: L

Description: 38-year-old Stephen Byrnes pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery with a firearm. Byrnes is charged with shooting 18-year-old Terrance Williams in the shoulder.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05

Source: L

Description: A former Urbana Middle School teaching assistant accused of sexually assaulting two female students awaits his fate. Charges against 29-year-old Brian Dyson were filed earlier this year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05

Source: L

Description: In 2003 Maurice LaGrone Jr. and his ex-girlfriend Amanda Hamm were charged with nine counts of murder in the drowning death of Hamm's three children. Today in court a video reenactment showed tests of the car sinking into Clinton Lake.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05

Source: L

Description: A standoff with police lasting more than fifteen hours comes to an end in Charleston as a woman threatens to harm herself. No one was hurt as officers took the house by force.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05

Source: L

Description: State police Lieutenant Michale Callahan takes the stand in an Urbana courtroom. Testimony in the case is expected to last much of the week. Callahan is asking for unspecified money damages.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05

Source: L

Description: A man labeled a "person of interest" in the 1986 murders of Paris residents Dyke and Karen Rhoads speaks out. Paris businessman Robert Morgan has been named in a civil lawsuit filed by former Illinois State Police officer Michale Callahan.



Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05

Source: L

Description: This morning in Springfield an autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death of a man found near Tuscola. Douglas County Coroner Joe Victor says the results of the autopsy were inconclusive.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05

Source: L

Description: 31-year-old James Hooper was convicted on April 13<sup>th</sup> of killing 33-year-old Kelly Wells near Cowden last February. The Shelby County State's Attorney's office says Hooper faced sentencing on three counts of first-degree murder and will serve 35 years in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05

Source: L

Description: Closing arguments are heard in an Urbana courtroom in a case involving retired police officer Michale Callahan.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05

Source: L

Description: The body of a Tuscola man missing for more than four months has now been identified. Officials at the Douglas County Sheriff's Department say the body is 41-year-old Jesse Wilhelm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05

Source: L

Description: This afternoon a federal jury in Urbana ruled in Michale Callahan's favor. Callahan says this is the day he's been fighting to win for years.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05

Source: L

Description: David Griffith, the manager of the Mattoon Pizza Hut, is arrested for arson.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05

Source: L

Description: Former Illinois State Police investigator Michale Callahan leaves the Urbana Federal Courthouse, satisfied with a victory, but still searching for the truth.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05

Source: L

Description: Police in Coles County were on the job early this morning rounding up nearly 20 people in a string of drug related arrests. Officials with the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force say most of the arrests were made in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05

Source: L

Description: "No comment" is what the Illinois State Police Director is saying about a memo circulating about a former officer who recently won a federal lawsuit against the agency. The confidential memo was written by Director Larry Trent and was obtained by the Associated Press.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05

Source: L

Description: Residents in the Mattoon Community say as more people move into their neighborhood more problems follow. They say in the past several months alone the area has transformed into a place filled with drug dealers and crime.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05

Source: L

Description: The trial of Maurice LaGrone Jr. has been delayed because analysis of some of the evidence is behind schedule. LaGrone and his ex-girlfriend Amanda Hamm are being charged with nine counts of murder in the drowning deaths of Hamm's three children in Clinton Lake.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: Effingham County Sheriff John Monnet says spring scam artists are back this year and you may be a target. These scammers are known to target rural homes, seniors, and those who live alone.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/06/05

Source: L

Description: Last week while checking a stolen truck report sheriff's deputies uncovered a huge Methamphetamine lab. Three Clark County residents are facing multiple drug charges after last weeks raid and police say they were able to stop a whole lot of meth from being sold and used in East Central Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/09/05

Source: L

Description: A man sitting on death row for the 2001 murder of an Eastern Illinois University student will have his appeal heard by the Illinois Supreme Court. 29-year-old Anthony Mertz was convicted in February of 2003 of murdering 21-year-old Shannon McNamara.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/10/05

Source: L

Description: The family of a murdered Eastern Illinois University student says life in prison is not enough. The parents of Shannon McNamara say they want their daughter's killer to die.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/20/05

Source: L

Description: A former Mattoon High School Assistant Principal who plead guilty to having child porn is once again allowed to go on-line.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/20/05

Source: L

Description: 20-year-old William Lee was convicted of killing Helen Melchi of Champaign two years ago. Yesterday, a judge granted Lee a new trial saying the defendant didn't fully understand his rights during the first trial.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: An East Central Illinois woman missing for almost two weeks has been found. Oblong Chief of Police Chad Pusey says Emmi Russell was found in Saline County in Southern Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: A jury trial is set for a former Monticello High School teacher facing sex charges.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Champaign County State's Attorney will appeal a judges ruling that overturned a murder conviction.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Mattoon Police say with temperatures on the rise residents should be aware of the rising number of scams and theft.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local library deals with a smoky situation that now needs to be cleared up.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Eastern Illinois University student faces one-year probation after lying in a courtroom.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: A state wide Amber Alert is issued after police say a Charleston girl is kidnapped from a local daycare.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: Palestine Grade School was revisited for the second time in five years Monday, but this time by burglars looking for quick cash.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local restaurateur could be served with prison time next month. Daniel Angel-Onate is facing a ten-year prison sentence and he's due in court June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois lawmakers say two high-ranking Illinois State Police officials should be fired from their jobs after a jury found they violated an employee's civil rights.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Effingham County coroner's jury rules the death of a local infant was due to natural causes.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: One local woman is charged after a statewide Amber Alert.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: A suspect is in custody after an armed robbery at a service station in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/30/05  
Source: L  
Description: After spending a dozen years on Illinois' death row, a Paris man has filed a federal lawsuit.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/31/05  
Source: L  
Description: The search for a missing boy from Northern Illinois brings a family searching for answers to Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Illinois Attorney General's Office is warning senior citizens about recent phone scams.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: Two Illinois State Police Officers could face termination for blocking a murder investigation nearly two decades ago.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Clark County business is hoping to bounce back after a string of bounced checks.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: The cause of death for a Moultrie County infant is finally released. Moultrie County Coroner Lynn Reed says the official cause of death was asphyxiation, but says what caused the asphyxiation is still under investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Charleston mother will soon be appearing in court on charges of kidnapping her daughter.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: Police in Crawford County arrest a man they say burglarized a local grade school.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Champaign teenager faces murder charges after the death of a three year old.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Palestine teen has been formally charged of burglarizing a local grade school.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: A former Crawford County teacher admits to having sex with a seventeen-year-old male student.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Champaign County Crimestoppers is seeking your help in identifying an armed robbery suspect.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local man arrested on charges of drug possession says he is not guilty.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: Champaign Police arrest a doctor after a reported sexual assault. Dr. Scot Brewer was arrested yesterday morning at C-U Denture in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Edgar County woman missing for fifteen years has now been located.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: A woman accused of stabbing her son to death may get her retrial somewhere other than Lawrence County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Charleston mother charged with kidnapping is allowed to visit her child again.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: The case continues for one local man who says he did not set his jail cell on fire.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local man was found dead yesterday afternoon in his home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: A man charged with shooting an Eastern Illinois University student may spend over a decade behind bars.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: Although promises are meant to be kept, one made to a former judge appears to have been broken.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Edgar County Judge H-Dean Andrews has ruled that Herb Whitlock will not get a new trial.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: A former Cumberland County Judge convicted of stealing money from a families estate could be facing more charges.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: A shooting death in Casey has left the community in shock and answers to their questions are not coming easily.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: A statewide effort is underway to keep former inmates out of jail.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: Local banks are on high alert after 40 million debit card account numbers are stolen.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: A former Palestine High School teacher is taught a lesson of his own.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05

Source: L

Description: A man once convicted of murder now walks free. Yesterday, William Lee of Champaign was set free by a Champaign County Circuit Judge.

## **Government**

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05

Source: L

Description: During a morning press conference Governor Rod Blagojevich remembered when he visited St. Peter's square with his wife in 1995. The governor says on that visit they were able to see the pope at Vatican City.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/02/05

Source: L

Description: WEIU-TV will be hosting a special edition of News Watch to bring viewers the most up to date election results. Before the end of the night many towns will elect new mayors, new village presidents and new school board members.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/02/05

Source: L

Description: Tonight's NCAA championship game has inspired a friendly wager between the governors of Illinois and North Carolina. Governor Rod Blagojevich says if the Tar Heels win, he'll send North Carolina's Governor a six-pack of Orange Crush and a Papa Del's deep-dish pizza.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05

Source: L

Description: WEIU-TV hosts a special edition of News Watch to bring viewers election results from their twelve county viewing area.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05

Source: L

Description: Starting next week free tickets will be available for the dedication ceremony of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The ceremony is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05

Source: L

Description: Last night Westfield voted on the continuation of prohibition and voters decided no liquor would be sold within their town borders.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05

Source: L

Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich declares a day of mourning for Pope John Paul the second. This gesture is meant to honor the pope on the day of his funeral in Vatican City.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05

Source: L

Description: Charlie White spent the day celebrating his victory in the Mattoon mayor's race. White will take office May 1<sup>st</sup> after defeating Mark Donnell in last night's city election. He says one of his main goals is to bring more jobs to the city.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/08/05

Source: L

Description: Ken Smith was elected the new mayor of Marshall in Tuesday's city elections. The former city council member will replace current mayor John Trefz after defeating him and Bud Bloodworth.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05

Source: L

Description: Illinois Veteran's programs could soon receive funding from the state lottery. The Illinois House voted to create a new scratch-off lottery game that's profits fund Veteran's programs in the state.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05

Source: L

Description: Illinois could be the first state on the nation to designate a holiday named for a woman. A group of eighth grade students in southern Illinois want to name the first Monday in March to honor Jane Adams.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05

Source: L

Description: Congressman John Shimkus brings residents in Shelby County "The Traveling Help Desk". The service is designed to offer assistance to people who have problems with a federal government agency or to express their opinions to Congress.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05

Source: L

Description: The cost of Illinois license plates could be going up by one dollar to help support state police.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05

Source: L

Description: For Gary Davis the job of mayor is quickly coming into focus. He's no stranger to the job, Davis was the mayor of Robinson from 1989 to 1993 and he says he's ready to take on the job once again.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/14/05

Source: L

Description: Gubernatorial elections for Illinois are a year away and one Republican candidate is already campaigning. Republican Jim Oberweis says he will run against Governor Rod Blagojevich in next year's election.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05

Source: L

Description: The clock is ticking for taxpayers to file their income taxes before they face late fees. With the deadline drawing near there are still options for those who haven't filed.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: Our 43<sup>rd</sup> President took place in a dedication to our 16<sup>th</sup> President. With President Bush on hand The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum opened today after years of planning.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Midtown Advisory Committee voted last month to move forward with plans to create a park located along 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway Avenue. The Mattoon City Council must give the plan final approval before construction can begin.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local city council will decide tonight if levels of water rates will rise. The Charleston City Council will consider increasing water and sewer rates by 6.23 percent and adopting the 2005-2006 city budget.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: According to the Coles County Supervisor of Assessments Jean Tipsword there will be no change in the market value of property.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Last night's Charleston City Council meeting was the last for three members: Mayor Dan Cougill and Council Members Marge Knoop and John Winnett.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Crawford County will soon be welcoming home around fifteen soldiers, while wishing farewell to another fifteen.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois State Senator Dale Righter announced yesterday the state is lagging behind in job growth.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: Members of the Urbana City Council are discussing the creation of a Domestic Partner Registry. According to the Council members the registry would allow unmarried couples, in long term relationships, to receive city provided health benefits.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L

Description: A proposal goes before the Mattoon Public Advisory Board that could replace, redo, and improve pieces of the city. At this hour, the board is discussing building disability ramps on south Ninth Street.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois State Representative Naomi Jakobsson of Champaign is sponsoring a bill which if passed will allow children to accompany their parents in the voting booth.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved a plan issuing a new area code to new phone numbers in Southern Illinois including Jasper and Crawford Counties.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05  
Source: L

Description: Friends, family, and co-workers gathered today at Charleston City Hall on Mayor Cougill's last day of service. Cougill is retiring after serving Charleston as mayor for twelve years.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05  
Source: L

Description: State Representative Chapin Rose will host a workshop Saturday for area university employees. This concerning the State University Retirement System also known as SURS.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05  
Source: L

Description: The Illinois Commerce Commission has issued an order to impose a new area code for southern Illinois when the existing (618) area code runs out.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05  
Source: L

Description: The National Guard Armory, in Paris, which houses the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company is now extending its hours on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05  
Source: L

Description: Sullivan City Council may soon be approving an increase in water and sewer rates for the city.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05  
Source: L

Description: Mayor John Inyart of Charleston and Mayor Charlie White of Mattoon were sworn in to office last week. Tonight both mayors will conduct their first city council meetings.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05

Source: L

Description: The Urbana City Council has passed an ordinance creating a domestic partnership registry. According to the City of Urbana this registry will allow unmarried couples, which are in long-term relationships, to receive city provided health benefits.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: The Mattoon City Council approved 240 thousand dollars in monetary support for a proposed dementia health-care facility. Jason and Theresa Gowin are developing the project and the new facility will be located on Lerna Road south of the Carle Care Clinic.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: Last night the out-going Mattoon City Council members met to hand off their duties to the incoming members. The former members were honored with plaques for their years of service to the community.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich says it was inappropriate for his state police director to write a memo condemning a jury verdict against the police agency.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/06/05

Source: L

Description: The Effingham Central Business Group is encouraging area businesses, churches, and residents to help paint the town red, white, and blue. According to group member Carol Ruffner the movement is the result of the reaction of a serviceman who traveled to Effingham and found few displays of support for troops.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/06/05

Source: L

Description: If you lost your bike, you may want to try and claim it before someone else bids on your wheels. The Sullivan Police Department is having a bike auction to sell unclaimed bikes found in the city.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/09/05

Source: L

Description: The head of the Illinois National Guard says the War in Iraq is making it a tougher sell when trying to sign up new recruits. Adjutant General Randall Thomas says he isn't worried about troop strength yet, but he's had to tell his commanders to shift their focus when trying to find new recruits.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/18/05

Source: L

Description: Though we have not received confirmation from the Illinois Army National Guard in Springfield, NewsWatch has learned at least one soldier from the Mattoon Armory has been deployed to Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois lawmakers are facing Friday's approval of a new state budget with a crucial deadline.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: While one city is honoring their troops, another is trying to show their red, white and blue side.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Hundreds of motorcyclists make the journey to Edgar County to honor the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois lawmakers say the governor's travel between his home in Chicago and the state capital is costing taxpayers too much.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois officials say they've found no evidence that state Medicaid money is buying Viagra for sex offenders.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: A new bill banning the use of cell phones by 16 and 17 year old drivers with instructional permits has passed both state houses.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: State leaders are not taking a gamble on the budget, talks continued today with the Friday deadline fast approaching.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: Anytime today Illinois legislators may agree on how to close the 1.2 billion dollar gap in the state budget.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials in Shelby County want to make change in the way land is sold.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/30/05  
Source: L  
Description: A decrease in pensions may be in the budget for Illinois government employees.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/30/05  
Source: L  
Description: State lawmakers have passed a new bill making it illegal for stores to sell violent or sexual video games to minors.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/31/05  
Source: L  
Description: Republican State Senator Steven Rauschenberger says he is 90% sure he'll run for governor next year.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/31/05  
Source: L  
Description: The deadline to pass this year's state budget is midnight tonight.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: As of midnight last night Illinois' state budget for 2006 is set.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: State lawmakers voted last night to create a scratch-off lottery game to raise money for veterans.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois State legislators passed a bill banning a spray that reflects light from surveillance cameras making it impossible for police to photograph license plates.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Governor signed a new bill allowing parents to get clean birth certificates within nine months of their child's death.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich has signed a bill making it more difficult to buy stun guns in Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: A meeting to discuss a base closing in Illinois has now been moved to June 20<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: This Thursday State Representative Bob Flyder is holding a town hall style meeting in Windsor to discuss the approval of the 2006 state budget.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois State Police officials will soon be training to control more than just road traffic.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: Last night, the city council gave the okay to start receiving bids on a replacement truck for the Mattoon Fire Department.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Charleston City Council voted to approve a contract to renovate and expand the Carnegie Public Library.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Army and the Marine Corps say they both fell short of their recruiting goals for May.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich is considering steps to let military families get survivors benefits on time.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich visits East Central Illinois to announce a program he says will link the region to the future.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Paris based 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company will be honored tomorrow morning at a De-activation Ceremony.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich signed a 54 billion dollar budget that heavily borrows from pension payments.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich signed the Ticket Sale and Resale Act today making it legal for Illinois residents to profit from selling tickets to concerts and sporting events online.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois cities may soon have the option to snuff out smoking in local establishments.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: Mattoon's American Legion will be conducting a flag burning ceremony to celebrate Flag Day.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Coles County Board is meeting tonight to vote on forming a solid waste agency.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Coles County Board voted yesterday to form a solid waste agency.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Community leaders from Illinois will meet with the Base Closure and Realignment Commission to save bases from closing.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Lincoln Trail Athletic Booster Club in Robinson now has the choice to rent out their property.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois has the most popular senator in the country according to a newly released poll.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: The former chairman of the State Board of Education says he wants to be the next governor of Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka spoke to hundreds of teenagers at the Girls State Conference today at Eastern Illinois University.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Chicago Republican Ron Gidwitz says he 's running for Governor in 2006 with a focus on fiscal responsibility.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Residents in Coles County can now put their completed property taxes in a drop box outside the Coles County Courthouse.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05

Source: L

Description: At last night's Charleston City Council meeting members voted to begin widening and repaving the section of Division Street from Harrison Avenue to State Street.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05

Source: L

Description: Mattoon residents want to know why, now a local YMCA speaks out on the possibility of moving.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05

Source: L

Description: Under a new Illinois law purposely contaminating the state's water or food supply can be classified as terrorism.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05

Source: L

Description: The city of Marshall has filed a lawsuit against the owners of the G-Spot Adult Bookstore.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05

Source: L

Description: Criminals who use a gun while committing a crime will now face tougher prison sentences.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05

Source: L

Description: Governor Blagojevich believes the reinstatement of writing tests will lead Illinois students in right direction.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05

Source: L

Description: The decision to cut payments to government pensions may cost taxpayers 7 billion dollars over the next forty years.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05

Source: L

Description: An Effingham County adult bookstore refuses to accept one judge's decision.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05

Source: L

Description: The Illinois government severs ties with an overseas country accused of war crimes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05

Source: L

Description: The city of Mattoon could be looking for a new street superintendent.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: City Manager Allen Gilmore says the Eiffel Tower replica the city received over the winter from an Iowa theater company may never be put up.

### **Availability of Social Services in Rural Illinois**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Local Catholic leaders here in East Central Illinois are preparing for the Popes' possible death while remembering his legacy.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Nathan Moore lost his life earlier this year when his helicopter crashed in Iraq. Now his sacrifice is being remembered by the City of Champaign with a street being renamed in his honor.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a Volunteer Day tomorrow at Lake Shelbyville. Volunteers will work to remove debris, locate missing buoys, plant grass, and repair facilities.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: Over 70 percent of Charleston residents voted to the referendum that will renovate and add onto the Charleston Carnegie Public Library. The referendum will raise property taxes in order to update and add onto the existing library.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials at the Mattoon Adult Education Center say cutting the funding could mean cutting education. The Mattoon Adult Education Center serves seven counties in East Central Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: Eastern Illinois University's Public Relation's Student Society of America held its first annual pizza crawl yesterday in Charleston. Participants traveled to local restaurants snacking on slices to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: One local family had an earth moving experience this weekend made possible by the Cols County Habitat for Humanity. Lisa Wehr and her son Tyler are the latest recipients of a new home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich says the state will provide 725-thousand dollars to assist eight communities in improving waterway access.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: Local students will show their know-how on what concerns them most when it comes to keeping healthy. I Sing the Body Electric will host an Art and Health Festival this weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Charleston Carnegie Public Library is hosting their last Super Thursday. Super Thursday's are an after school program to keep students busy during the school year.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Family and Consumer Sciences Professor Pat McCallister says her housing class has raised fifteen hundred dollars for tsunami relief.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Area residents can walk for a good cause tomorrow in Mattoon. The Coles County Walk America is hosting a walk to raise money for research on the cause of premature birth.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Time once again for Roger Ebert's Overlooked film festival in Champaign. The festival is known for independent films that have been hand picked by Roger Ebert.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Coles County Foster Adopt Support Group is asking for your help and time. Tomorrow night the group is holding a candlelight vigil at seven in Morton Park in Charleston.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: Volunteer lawyers from around the state will be answering your questions this Saturday for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ask A Lawyer Day.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: Executive Director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center Chris Bugle says the facility had more than 300 clients, but says ongoing financial struggles have caused them to close.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05

Source: L

Description: The Urbana Free Library is turning the page to reveal a new chapter in the building's history. The library renovation 15 years in the making is finally complete and employees and patrons say it's a much-welcomed change.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05

Source: L

Description: Some Champaign County Law Enforcement Agencies will pay their respects to area fallen heroes. Champaign police will pay tribute to their fallen officers Thomas Dodsworth and Robert Tatman.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/05/05

Source: L

Description: The American Cancer Society will host a community-wide garage sale and flea market next month. Funds collected through registration will go to the cancer society's Relay for Life fund. Registration forms can be picked up from the Cross County Mall in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05

Source: L

Description: People from all over the country RSVP'd to an annual festival in Arcola celebrating the timeless playmates Raggedy Ann and Andy.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run made a stop in Paris this weekend honoring the members of the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/26/05

Source: L

Description: The Cole County Barbershoppers will be performing on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to raise money for performances throughout the year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/30/05

Source: L

Description: Veterans representing over 60 years of American conflict gathered with families and friends of those who came back and those who did not.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -05/30/05

Source: L

Description: This Memorial day was especially significant for those in Paris. As they gathered on Main Street their main focus was the men and women serving our country.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/03/05

Source: L

Description: The Deactivation Ceremony for the 1544<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company takes place Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: Some special individuals in Coles County are the makers behind a treat for man's best friend.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Community Band concert series starts Thursday night at 7:30.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Effingham County is planning the development of a new network of trails.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Freedom Calls Foundation is helping troops serving in Iraq communicate face to face with their families back home.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Soldiers and the town that loves them celebrated an official end to a difficult journey. Paris, Illinois welcomed back the 1544<sup>th</sup> in a ceremony held Saturday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club is hosting fundraising events in order to keep funding their cause.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: A set of Mattoon triplets got over a thousand Beanie Babies for their birthday. The Beanie Babies are being given to newborns and children who have surgery at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L  
Description: Crawford County residents that don't register their pets could soon have someone barking at their door.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: Operation Summer Salute will honor members of the Lawrenceville based 135<sup>th</sup> Engineering Company who are being deployed to Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials say next summer the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Raggedy Ann Festival in Arcola will be moved to June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, instead of its traditional date in mid May.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: A call is answered as a new storage facility opens for a fleet of vehicles in East Central Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Don't mess with meth, that's the message the Coles County METH Awareness Coalition is hoping to get across.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Congressional leaders are considering whether or not to can cookie monster.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Coles County METH Coalition hosted an event last night to raise money for the new organization.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Effingham Alpha Lions Club will have their final meeting tomorrow night. Club President Chuck Stewart says the club is disbanding due to lack of membership.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05  
Source: L  
Description: Nathan Ogle must resign his duties as a father for his duties to his country.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: Tomorrow residents can take part in the official ground breaking of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

## **Safety**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: Volunteers from all over East Central Illinois and the Lake Shelbyville Park Rangers joined forces to help sweep up what floodwaters left behind at Lake Shelbyville.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: As the Illinois Fighting Illini celebrate their trip to the national championship, fans take to the streets for a celebration of their own. Saturday night the streets of campus town in Champaign were full of fans and police at every corner.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/02/05  
Source: L

Description: A big crowd of fans will be assembling tonight at the University of Illinois for the big game. Illini fans can gather in the Assembly Hall to watch tonight's game on a big screen TV.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/02/05  
Source: L

Description: The streets of Champaign are seas of orange today as fans begin lining up and camping out to get a spot for tonight's big game. Officials say students and other fans have a history of celebrating responsibly and they're confident that tradition will continue.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05  
Source: L

Description: Dedicated fans feel that March definitely brought madness to the streets in Champaign due to the Illini's defeat. Crowds gathered as students waited patiently up to three and a half hours to witness the game in bars, but were disappointed with the outcome.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05  
Source: L

Description: Illini fans marched to the arch hoping to see their team take home a national title. In the end, the Illini did fall to North Carolina, but only by five points.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05  
Source: L

Description: Last night the Neoga Fire Ambulance tax was passed by more than five hundred yes votes. Now, the Neoga Fire Protection District will take over the service from the city.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/06/05  
Source: L

Description: Hunter's View is recalling a half million safety harnesses. Officials say the straps, called the Fall Arrest System, can break causing the person to fall. The harnesses are sold with tree stands to hunters from hunting and sporting good stores nationwide.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05  
Source: L

Description: A new tax will keep a Cumberland County Emergency service within arms reach for its residents. Over the past couple of months the ambulance service in the city of Neoga has been in limbo.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police say 48-year-old Felton Johnson of Georgia lost control of his tractor-trailer just before noon on Interstate 57. Police say Johnson fell asleep behind the wheel. Johnson is charged with DUI, driving while fatigued, improper lane usage, and possession of alcohol in a commercial vehicle.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05

Source: L

Description: Last night around eleven, the Hutton Volunteer Fire Department received a call about a burning structure on Hutton Road just outside of the town. Hutton Fire Chief Larry Newby says by the time they reached the home, fire had destroyed the entire structure. Newby says the house was almost a century old, but had been abandoned for several years.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05

Source: L

Description: Area police departments are using a new weapon they say is safer and hands free. Officials say tasers are good for smaller police departments like Palestine and Effingham that may not have much backup.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05

Source: L

Description: Sunday Governor Rod Blagojevich proposed legislation giving Internet based phone companies the ability to offer customers 9-1-1 emergency services.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05

Source: L

Description: One Effingham man is dead while three others are seriously hurt after a traffic accident. 24-year-old Brandon Reynolds of Effingham died last night when his motorcycle collided with a car on Route 40, just east of Country Club Road in Effingham County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05

Source: L

Description: The House of representatives has approved the Armed Habitual Offender Act. The Act, if passes, means prison terms of up to thirty years for anyone convicted of three or more serious felonies who are found with a gun.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05

Source: L

Description: Neoga High School is holding a crash reenactment tomorrow morning at 10. Students Against Destructive Decisions and driver's education teacher Terri Briggs says the reenactment will show what could happen if young adults drink and drive.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/14/05

Source: L

Description: Since September 11<sup>th</sup> the federal government has restricted some items passengers can carry on-board airplanes. Today is the first day the Transportation Security Administration has added lighters to that list.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05

Source: L

Description: A mobile home caught fire today in Tolono and the owner Christy Taylor arrived back home to find her home up in flames. The fire started at around 10:30 this morning and was extinguished by 11:15.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05  
Source: L

Description: With the help of student volunteers, the coroner, fire department and police department unveiled before the student's eyes what an actual drunk driving car accident would look like. The half-hour simulation is something officials and students say is a good reminder to be safe.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05  
Source: L

Description: The Division of traffic Safety will be hosting meetings in hopes of getting input from local agencies and the public on how to spend federal highway safety money.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05  
Source: L

Description: Today at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt in Charleston Eastern Illinois University student Amanda Giovanni was crossing the street when a car driven by Lisa Racitti struck her.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05  
Source: L

Description: Illinois Universities are hoping to combat student identity theft with new ID's. Illinois State University will distribute nearly 25 thousand new campus ID's this month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L

Description: According to Moultrie County Sheriff Jeff Thomas ground could be broken on a new jail as early as January 2006.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L

Description: An automobile accident in Douglas County leaves one individual free of injury and another dead.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05  
Source: L

Description: Orchard Downs isn't a horse track in Urbana but it could be running away. The over 40-year-old apartment complex for graduate and married students of the University of Illinois needs a new location.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05  
Source: L

Description: One area hospital is making sure their patients and staff are more secure. As part of a five million dollar renovation Crawford Memorial Hospital is adding an ADT security system.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: Moultrie County is moving forward with its plans to build a new jail. Now that a location has been selected officials hope to break ground on the project by early next year.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Clark County Board members were presented with plans for a potential building idea at last Friday's board meeting. Clark County Sheriff Jerry Parsley says the plans for the new jail are based on a Georgia jail.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: Neighbors in Cumberland County want to make an unmarked railroad crossing safer. A mother and her five-year-old son died there earlier this month.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: A quick call to 911 may have saved a Lerna home from burning to the ground. Firefighters say just before eleven this morning fire erupted at this home in the three hundred block of First Street in Lerna.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: A cause has been determined in an Illinois plastics plant explosion taking five lives. Investigators say the cause of the Formosa Plant explosion in Illiopolis was the malfunction of a safety system.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: Business is back and running normal at the Outback Steakhouse in Champaign. Early yesterday morning authorities say the Outback Restaurant on North Prospect Avenue caught fire.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: A proposal for a 6<sup>th</sup> fire station in Champaign is now in the works and was unofficially approved by the city council last night.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: A fire department and an Arcola neighborhood are heroes after a fire tore down the Williamsburg Apartments.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/26/05  
Source: L  
Description: Police in a Chicago suburb are conducting an internal investigation trying to determine if 911 dispatchers and police officers acted appropriately in response to a kidnapped man's call for help.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials at the Illinois Department of Transportation say part of Route 1-21 will be closed starting Monday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: Today a part of Interstate 57 between Neoga and Mattoon will begin getting new patching, resurfacing, and ramp repair.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05  
Source: L  
Description: The U.S. Army will begin destroying a deadly nerve agent stockpiled not far from east central Illinois. Officials say tomorrow the U.S. Army will start to destroy about sixteen hundred containers of the deadly nerve agent Liquid V-X.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05  
Source: L  
Description: Some Champaign County business owners may have to shift gears when a heavily traveled street turns into a new road design. The city says the plan will make the street safer while business owners say it's a safe bet customers will shop somewhere else.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/05/05  
Source: L  
Description: The U.S. Army has started to destroy thousands of gallons of a deadly nerve agent just across the state line in Indiana while Edgar County residents look on hoping to avoid disaster. Although Army officials say the destruction process is safe Edgar County officials are ready for the worst.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/05/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials broke ground in Springfield yesterday for a 110-thousand-square-foot training center. Brigadier General Randal Thomas with the Illinois National Guard says the new training center will replace ten older buildings that are scattered across Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: Work continues in Newport, Indiana to destroy a deadly Cold War Era nerve agent. More than 250-gallons of V-X nerve agent are stored at the Newport Chemical Depot located 30 miles north of Terre Haute.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: A piece of land obtained by a local county will eventually help detain convicts in the future. The city of Sullivan and Moultrie County agreed to exchange pieces of land for the county to build a new jail on.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials at the Newport Chemical Depot say they successfully destroyed the first batch of deadly V-X nerve agent. Project manager Colonel Jesse Barber says a preliminary analysis shows about 180 gallons of V-X was successfully neutralized on Friday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: An East Central Illinois community puts another nail in the coffin on a proposed crematorium.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: After a recent drowning at an East Central Illinois lake officials want you to make sure you play it safe.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/12/05  
Source: L  
Description: An accident in Edgar County leaves one man and a child hurt when a school bus from Christian Day School collides with a Department of Corrections Van.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: An accident in Champaign County cuts off emergency communications for thousands in Champaign and Piatt Counties.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Champaign Police officer hit by a car is recovering at home tonight.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: Highway officials say the leading cause of death in the United States is motor vehicle accidents.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: No injuries were reported, but a Charleston pilot lost part of his plane while landing at the Coles County Memorial Airport.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: A car crash in Jasper County leaves one dead and three injured.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: A local volunteer fireman dies of smoke inhalation despite the efforts of his fellow firefighters.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Paris Police Department has requested three, in car video cameras and two new radar units.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: During the month of June Illinois State Police will be conducting roadside safety checks in Champaign County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Two days after a fire kills an east central Illinois firefighter, a small community prepares to say farewell.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: Police will be patrolling area highways and roads looking for drivers and passengers not wearing their seatbelts.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: All police squad cars in the City of Paris will now be equipped with video cameras.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/25/05  
Source: L  
Description: The cause of a fire in Clark County is still a burning question on fire officials' minds.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois police are working harder than ever to make sure drivers obey seat belt laws.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/31/05  
Source: L  
Description: This Memorial Day hundreds of travelers encountered police officers as they made the strongest effort ever to impose seat belt laws.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: A new truck was donated to the Martinsville Fire Department by Rick Archambault.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Indiana chemical company is simulating a disaster situation next week to avoid a real disaster.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced the placement of a four-way stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 130 and Madison Avenue.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05  
Source: L  
Description: A car crash in Coles County leaves one dead and another seriously hurt.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: An Ashmore woman is clinging to life after a fatal accident that killed one person.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: A small backyard fire almost spelled disaster for a Douglas County resident.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: A fatal accident in Charleston has claimed its second victim.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/06/05  
Source: L  
Description: Before spelling disaster with your home be sure to take safe fire precautions.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: Effingham City Council members informally agreed to the sale of a fire department pumper truck to the Watson Fire Protection District.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: An area trade is causing a sore spot with residents in one neighborhood.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: With temperatures on the rise heat exhaustion and stroke can become a real worry.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Federal reports show All Terrain Vehicles may not be safe for all.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich signed a new bill yesterday banning sales of the Yo-Yo Waterball.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Last night firefighters say at least six explosions rocked the Conair Corporation killing one woman and injuring another person.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich signed the Children's Product Safety Act yesterday.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: The verdict is in, Moultrie County is awarded a 40 thousand dollar grant!

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/10/05  
Source: L  
Description: The cause of a manufacturing plant explosion is still undetermined.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: A chemical spill at one depot leads to reinforcing an education program to halt more problems down the road.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05  
Source: L  
Description: Employees are back to work at the Conair Corporation after a devastating explosion.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/15/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Paris District Office of the Illinois Department of Transportation says work is scheduled for Cadwell Road in Moultrie County, Route 49 in Coles County, and Montrose Road in Cumberland County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: Two lawn-mowing accidents in Coles County this week alone have officials hoping more tragedy can be avoided.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: After a late night call one area fire department did more than put out the blaze they also saved one woman's life.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Conair Spokesperson Stephanie Burris says today is the first full day of production at the plant since a series of explosions two weeks ago.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Charleston gas station catches fire overnight leaving firefighters battling the blaze for more than an hour.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/21/05  
Source: L  
Description: Firefighters across the nation are alarmed by a growing number of deaths on the job.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/22/05  
Source: L  
Description: Work at a chemical depot holding a deadly nerve agent has been put on hold.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/23/05  
Source: L  
Description: A man's death in Shelby County has been ruled an accident.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05  
Source: L  
Description: A four-block area is being evacuated south of downtown St. Louis where a huge fire is burning at an industrial plant.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: High-powered batteries are used to charge up hybrid cars, the problem is many rescue workers aren't trained to deal with car wrecks that involve hybrids.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05  
Source: L  
Description: Rantoul Police Detective Dan Ault says the June 8<sup>th</sup> Conair Corporation explosion has been ruled accidental.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05  
Source: L  
Description: The National Safety Council says young drivers, ages 16-20, are the driving force behind nearly twenty percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05  
Source: L  
Description: A Clark County man is hurt after being knocked off his motorcycle by a semi truck.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05  
Source: L  
Description: The cause of one man's death at Lake Shelbyville is still undetermined.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: The danger of fires on severely dry ground is a big issue this holiday weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05  
Source: L  
Description: Coles County residents could see a number of improvements on one highly traveled road.

### **Eastern Illinois University**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/05/05  
Source: L  
Description: Eastern Illinois University will be hosting an open house for incoming students on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/07/05  
Source: L  
Description: One university group is looking for participants to strap on their walking shoes to raise money for cancer research. Public Relations Student Society of America at Eastern Illinois University is organizing the Sunday event.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/08/05  
Source: L  
Description: National Library Week starts on Monday and during this week Booth Library at Eastern Illinois University will host a variety of events. The events are free to attend and open to the public.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/11/05  
Source: L  
Description: With a clinic being hosted by the Eastern Illinois Baseball Team, many young players are getting into the swing of things. This clinic will teach the skills that will help any young ball player play like a pro.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: A man who claims to be an expert on Southeast Asia and Political terrorism pays a visit to Eastern Illinois University. M. Ladd is a professor of political science at Northern Illinois University. Thomas will visit the campus tomorrow.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05  
Source: L  
Description: Eastern Illinois University is offering music educators and some graduate students a way to earn their master's of arts degree and continuing education units in three summers. The new program will begin in June.



Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University has created what's called a Commuter Student Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. EIU administrators say the lounge is for students who take evening classes or commute to campus.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/15/05  
Source: L

Description: Students from the School of technology at Eastern Illinois University are currently constructing a trebuchet. The students plan to use it to launch a ten pound bowling ball over 300 feet through the air.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/20/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois is preparing for the grand opening of the new Adult Commuter Student Lounge. The celebration is tomorrow from 3 to 5 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University student EJ Rouzin-Moy discovered a piece of his chicken dinner that looked surprisingly like Pope John Paul the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rouzin-Moy listed the piece of chicken on E-Bay to see what kind of response it would get and ended up getting 232 dollars and fifty cents at the end of the auction.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University cut the ribbon today on the Adult Commuter Student Lounge.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/21/05  
Source: L

Description: The Eastern Illinois University Alumni Association is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by donating a 30-foot steel clock tower to the university.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University President Lou Hencken will stay on the job for another year. Hencken says he accepted an extension from the board of trustees after the school received an excellent reaccreditation report.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University's Physics Department is inviting the public to look at the heavens at its observatory. The facility will be open tomorrow night at eight.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/28/05  
Source: L

Description: An area campus is closing out its spring semester opening its doors to celebrate music and the arts. Eastern Illinois University's Annual Celebration is upon us and workers are starting to set the stage.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05  
Source: L

Description: Workers on Eastern Illinois University's campus are tearing down the old Doudna Fine Arts building to make way for a new and improved community arts center.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/29/05  
Source: L

Description: Tomorrow afternoon EIU will be holding its dedication of the recently built alumni clock tower. The 30-foot-tall tower made of gray steel has clock faces on all four sides with the words Alumni Centennial Tower 2005.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/04/05  
Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University is taking action against fourteen members of the former local chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity. University Police say nine EIU students are charged with hazing-related violations and another five face complaints of threats or harassment.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/05/05  
Source: L

Description: This Saturday fifteen hundred graduating students will be saying goodbye to Eastern Illinois University. The formal commencement ceremonies will take place at Lantz Arena at 9 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/05/05  
Source: L

Description: As students at Eastern Illinois University pack up for summer some area organizations are asking for a hand up in donations. Charities are looking for lightly used items including clothing, small appliances, and furniture.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/20/05  
Source: L

Description: Runners from all over the state are racing to the finish line in Charleston for the annual Illinois High School state track meet.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/08/05  
Source: L

Description: A former Eastern Illinois University nurse claims she was denied a promotion to a full-time job because she believes it morally wrong to dispense emergency contraception.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L  
Description: Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees will meet Monday to consider an increase in tuition.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L  
Description: Tuition is going up at Eastern Illinois University, the university's Board of Trustees approved the hike today.

## **Health**

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich filed an emergency rule with the Illinois Secretary of State's office today requiring birth control prescriptions be filed without delay at pharmacies.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/01/05  
Source: L  
Description: Construction of the new Charleston water plant began last year. Plant Superintendent Bill Bosler says everything is running on schedule and the plant will be online this spring.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05  
Source: L  
Description: Illinois based Kraft Foods is recalling packages of Jell-O chocolate pudding that may contain pistachios. Kraft estimates that more than 148-thousand mislabeled packages were produced and distributed nationwide.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/12/05  
Source: L  
Description: During the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> and again in August the city of Champaign says students at the University of Illinois are leaving dumpsters trashed with too much trash. At tonight's city council meeting they'll introduce the "Move in Move Out Cleanliness Project".

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -04/19/05  
Source: L  
Description: Officials at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana conducted a survey last month to see if residents in Coles County would like a choice when it comes to their surgical needs.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/03/05  
Source: L  
Description: The Diabetes Self Management Education Program at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham has been officially certified and currently underway. Coordinator of the program Carole Corder says it's designed to educate people with diabetes on how to manage their health.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/09/05  
Source: L

Description: Workers continue to hammer away at a ten million dollar construction project in Edgar County. Paris Community Hospital is in the process of building a new physician office building.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -05/31/05  
Source: L

Description: Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> kindergarten, second and sixth grade students will be required to have dental examinations completed by the end of the 2006 school year.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/02/05  
Source: L

Description: One area nursing home is adding new services to help Alzheimer's patients.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/03/05  
Source: L

Description: An experimental booster shot designed to protect adults and children from whooping cough proved safe and effective in a new study.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/09/05  
Source: L

Description: With hot weather comes rain and with rain come mosquitoes, which could be carrying the West Nile Virus.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/14/05  
Source: L

Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich approved a law today that requires all convicted felons to provide their DNA samples to police.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/16/05  
Source: L

Description: New legislation will allow local government workers and privately owned companies with over fifty workers to take one hour of paid leave to donate blood.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/17/05  
Source: L

Description: Another setback has been dealt to Carle Foundation Hospital officials who hop to bring a surgical center to Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch  
Time/Date: 1734 -06/20/05  
Source: L

Description: The state of Illinois awards a local researcher for his work on a deadly brain disease.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05

Source: L

Description: For the second time the Illinois Health Facilities Board rejected a proposal from Carle Foundation Hospital to build a surgical center in Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/24/05

Source: L

Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich signed legislation that creates the First-Person Consent Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/27/05

Source: L

Description: Kindergarten, second and sixth grade students will be required to have dental checkups before receiving their final report card.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/28/05

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Public Health says a mosquito sample in Champaign tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/29/05

Source: L

Description: As prescription prices continue to empty senior's pockets, a new law could bring some of that money back.

## **Consumer**

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/08/05

Source: L

Description: Paying at the pump is burning many residents and business owners in East Central Illinois. Gas prices in Coles County average two dollars and fifteen cents per gallon leaving many residents and business owners on empty.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/13/05

Source: L

Description: As gas prices in East Central Illinois continue to rise a new fuel from our own back yard is offering some relief. A new fuel made from corn based Ethanol is making its way to the local pumps.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/18/05

Source: L

Description: The Prescription Price Disclosure Act is now requiring pharmacists to give consumers the opportunity to request prices of any type of prescription drug they need.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -04/25/05

Source: L

Description: General Motors is recalling more than 2 million vehicles due to various safety issues.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05

Source: L

Description: Fuel prices are dropping at one local station and it could save you up to 40 cents a gallon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -06/01/05

Source: L

Description: The Department of Education says rates on federally backed college loans will rise by a record amount.